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Village Offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Check out our Facebook page (<u>facebook.com/</u> <u>WestonWisconsin</u>) or our website (<u>westonwi.gov</u>) for the most current news and events.

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Greetings Weston residents. Here is a brief update on a couple of recent higher-profile topics.



Keith Donner

An Historical Beginning

The Village held a groundbreaking ceremony on July 20 for the construction of the new municipal public works and administration facility at 4747 Camp Phillips Road. When complete, the new facility will replace a 65+ year old facility at 5500 Schofield Avenue which is outdated, unsafe, and obsolete; with a modern facility designed to provide services efficiently and safely to the Village for generations to come.

Construction at the new facility began with site clearing in early July. Work completed to date has been site grading, detention pond construction, underground utility installation including connections in Camp Phillips Road, and footing/foundation work. The masonry for the elevator shaft started going up the last week in September.

Pre-cast panels will be used for the exterior walls of the building. The panel construction is an economical construction technique, allowing the walls to be cast in a controlled environment off-site, transported to the building site, and set in place. Using the pre-cast panels saves about 25% as compared to built-in-place masonry. The first pre-cast panels are expected to be arriving at the site on October 11.

The project is expected to be completed next fall. The construction cost estimate is \$15,600,000, excluding land. This is the largest single project in the Village's history.

For more background on the project please visit https://westonwi.gov/752/Building-to-Serve and e-mail comments to buildingtoserve@westonwi.gov

Historical Roots

Dating back to the Village's incorporation in 1996 there had been a sentiment that the name of the most prominent east-west arterial street in the Village, Schofield Avenue, should be renamed in the interests of Village identity. There were also efforts to create a separate Zip Code for Weston. The initial efforts were discontinued after a few years.

Thoughts that the street should be renamed resurfaced in 2021 and in August the Village Board adopted a resolution to rename Schofield Avenue, DC Everest Boulevard. DC Everest, was an influential man in the paper and lumber business in the area known for his fair treatment of employees. Connecting Weston's main arterial street to his name was felt to also be a positive connection with the school district for the area.

After initiating the name change by contacting all property owners along the Avenue, the Village received much feedback from affected businesses and residents. Public comment in opposition was received at the September 20 meeting of the Village Board. Among arguments to retain the name were the cost to businesses and that Dr. William Scholfield was also a prominent

HELLO FROM EVEREST METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT!



Hello from EMPD! I have a few updates to let you know what we have been working on. All summer we have been down patrol officers due to retirements and officers leaving for other career opportunities. It has been a struggle finding replacements, but we are finding some great new officers and only have one more position to fill. We set a record of 2,003 calls for service for the month of August so our officers have been very busy trying to keep up with the demands and working shorthanded. We anticipate filling our roster by the end of this year to be back to full staff for the first time in several years.

We do have exciting news that will help with the growing mental health issues in our communities. EMPD is implementing a therapy dog program. We have a labradoodle puppy that was donated to the police department. Sully is currently in training for the next four months to get certified as a therapy dog. The training is also completely donated! Sully's handler will be Officer Abby Behnke, who is currently assigned to the D.C. Everest Middle School as a School Resource Officer. She will be bringing Sully to school with her next year to help students in need. We believe this will be a great tool to further help our students, victims of crimes, and anyone who could use a calm presence after a stressful incident.

Clayton Schulz Chief of Police

Aquatic Center

The Village of Weston would like to thank everyone who visited the Aquatic Center during its 23rd season. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2022!

BLOOD DRIVE ARBOR DAY

Save the Date!

Thursday, **December 9** 12:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Dale's Weston Lanes 5902 Schofield Avenue



The Village of Weston would like to thank the American Transmission Company for their generous donation that allowed the Village to plant some additional trees this year in observance of Arbor Day. The trees were planted at the Weston Public Safety Building.

KENNEDY ICE RINK



The Village of Weston will begin accepting applications for ice rink attendants in November for the 2021 -2022 ice skating season. These seasonal positions start in late December and run through February. To apply visit:

www.westonwi.gov/367/Employment.





Saferfd.com

OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH!

In 1922, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) named the second week of October Fire Prevention Week in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire in 1871. Fire Prevention Week is the perfect time to educate and talk with your whole family about fire safety - include testing alarms, changing the batteries or upgrading to

10-year sealed battery alarms, how to use a fire extinguisher, and escape route planning.

Daylight Saving ends November 7, 2021

For more safety tips, follow us on (1) (2)





Trick-or-Treating Sunday, October 31 • 4:00-7:00 pm



Refuse & Recycling News:

Watch for the 2022 Refuse & Recycling Guidelines to come out in mid to late December.

These guidelines provide helpful year-round information, including the annual Recycling Calendar!





2021 Refuse/Recycling End of Year Holiday Schedule:

Thanksgiving Day, November 25th

Waste Management will be closed for the Thanksgiving Day holiday, on November 25th.

Thursday's collection will be on Friday, November 26th Friday's collection will be on Saturday, November 27th

Christmas Day, December 25th, and New Year's Day, January 1st

Since both the Christmas Day holiday and New Year's Day holiday fall on a Saturday, refuse and recycling collection routes will not be delayed.



Winter Garbage and Recycling Cart Placement Reminder:

Please place your recycling cart on the opposite side of your driveway as your refuse (garbage) cart on pick-up day. If this is not possible, please keep at least 4 feet of space between the two carts to allow enough room for the mechanical hand on Waste Management's truck to reach around the cart so it can be picked up and emptied without disturbing your other cart. Please do NOT place carts in the roadway, as they will create a hazard to traffic and will be at risk of getting struck by a snowplow. The Village of Weston will not be responsible for refuse or recycling carts damaged due to being struck by snowplows.

While we understand you may face some challenges with the placement of your carts during the winter months, we ask that you consider the following ideas:

- Only place your refuse cart out on nonrecycling weeks to avoid having both carts out at the same time.
- Shovel out an area of your snowbank to allow one (or both) of your carts to be located on the boulevard.



Neston re-launches recycling app

Now in the App Store and Google Play!



The Village of Weston, in partnership with the Marathon County Solid Waste residents. Residents can use the app to scan a product UPC barcode or text search for any product to get Weston-specific recycling instructions. The Dept., is re-launching its Betterbin recycling education app for Weston app originally launched as a web app-only in 2020. Now, residents can download the Betterbin app from the App Store and Google Play.

REWARDS

Each time a user scans a product, users are rewarded with points that can be redeemed for gift cards to popular retailers and restaurants.

The app will be available in app stores on Monday, 9/13/21. The app is free for all Weston residents with residences that have village-contracted Advanced Disposal recycling services

Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for Betterbin:





OUESTIONS

Contact Michelle Goetsch at mgoetsch@betterbin.app with questions about the app. For general recycling inquiries, contact Valerie Parker at vparker@westonwi.gov.





WHAT'S IN YOUR BIN?

Celebrate America Recycles Day (November 15), during the whole month of November, in the Village of Weston. Participate in our "What's in Your bin?" contest to be entered into a drawing for a chance to win one of several \$25.00 gift cards or a new flat screened TV!



Take a Picture

Take a picture of your recyclables in your curbside bin.



Mail/ Email

address, and phone number or mail to: your photo including your name, Email <u>vparker@westonwi.gov</u> Village of Weston

5500 Schofield Avenue Weston, WI 54476 Attn: Valerie Parker



50" flat screened TV.

\$25.00 gift cards or a new drawing for one of several Be entered into a Chance to WIN!

Requirements:

- You must be a Village of Weston Resident.
- All entries must be RECEIVED by 4:30 p.m., December 6th.
 - Limited to ONE submission per household.
- Picture must be of recyclables in your single-stream recycling cart.

Event questions: Contact Valerie at Questions?

vparker@westorwigov or 715-241-2607.

General Recycling Questions: Call the Marathon County Solid Waste and Recycling Infoline at 877-270-3989







MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

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man in the area's paper and lumber industry. On September 29, the Board reconsidered their earlier decision and rescinded the resolution.

One of the reasons for reconsidering the name change was confusion by residents and businesses as to whether they are in the Village of Weston or a neighboring municipality. While not on Schofield Avenue, this intersection is a classic example:



Be one of the first 10 people to answer questions about local geography. Take our quiz at https://westonwi.gov/WherelsWeston

Communication is Key

If nothing else, the feedback received from residents seems to have the common theme that our communication needs to be better. I know the Village can and needs to do a better job of connecting with residents, now that original uncertainties about COVID 19 have been overcome and we are able to return to more normal operation. In the coming year I want to work on improving our communication to our residents and businesses. I hope that whatever means of communication we choose can continue to be in the spirit of making Weston a better place to live and work, understanding that is what the elected and appointed officials work toward every day.

Thank you for allowing us to serve the Village of Weston.

FALL CURBSIDE YARD MATERIAL AND BRUSH PICKUP SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11TH

By Michael Wodalski, Director of Public Works.

Please see the map and schedule on the back identifying when pickup will occur in your neighborhood.

A few reminders regarding the pickup process are:

- Yard Materials (grass, leaves, pine needles, etc.) shall be kept separate from brush as two different pieces of equipment are used for these processes.
- Yard material shall be kept at least 5 feet away from power poles, mailboxes, fire hydrants, etc. in order for staff to be able to reach it.
- There will be two trips through the Village (see pick-up dates).
- Yard materials must be out to the roadside by 7AM on the scheduled day of pickup.
- Any material that is placed out after the scheduled pickup day will not be picked up.
- Residents can always take material to the Village's recycling site located at 8200 Ryan St.

For more information on the yard material and brush pickup process, please visit the website at: http://www.westonwi.gov/594/Yard-Material-Pick-Up-Waste-Material-Sit

STREET SNOW-PLOWING PRIORITIES

The Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining nearly 300 lane miles of streets in the Village and Town of Weston.

Snow-plowing priorities have been established such that citizens are only a few blocks from a plowed street.

To learn more about the Village's snow-removal policy, please visit our website at http://www.westonwi.gov/595/ Snow-Removal

KEEP SNOW ON YOUR PROPERTY FOR ROADWAY SAFETY

Do not blow, plow, or shovel snow onto or across public roadways.

This creates a safety hazard and is a

violation of state statutes and Village ordinance. (Sec. 86.022 Stats and Sec. 70.104 Weston Municipal Code).

WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

From October 31 to May 1, alternate side parking is in effect for all streets in the Village of Weston between 4:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. During this time, vehicles shall be parked on the even-numbered side of the street on even-numbered calendar days, and on the odd side of the street on odd-numbered calendar days, unless otherwise posted or exempted.

SNOW EMERGENCY

If a large storm is coming, the Village may declare a snow emergency via local television, radio, and news outlets. During a declared snow emergency, vehicles need to be off the roads for 24 hours.

MAILBOX SNOW CLEARING

It is the responsibility of residents to clear the snow away from their mailbox. The snowplows will get as close to mailboxes as possible, but will not be able to clear all of the snow.

MAILBOX PLACEMENT

Before the first snowfall, check the condition of your mailbox post and the placement of your mailbox in relation to the roadway.

- The Village will assist in repairing mailboxes <u>ONLY</u> if the mailbox and/ or post is physically struck by the plow itself.
- The Village is <u>NOT</u> responsible for damage caused by plowed snow hitting the mailbox or frozen snow/ice moved during plowing operations.

It is important that residents check the condition of their mailbox and post prior to the winter season.

SIDEWALK SNOW-REMOVAL POLICY

Property owners are responsible for snow removal from sidewalks within 48 hours after snow fall ceases. Failure to remove snow/ice within 48 hours may result in the Village having to clear the sidewalk at the expense of the property owner.

Area	Boundaries	Pickup Dates
А	Between Schofield Ave and Jelinek Ave from Volkman St to Alderson St, and Between Jelinek Ave and STH 29 from Volkman St to Normandy St	10/11, 10/27
В	Between Normandy St, Jelinek Ave, Alderson St. and STH 29	10/12, 10/28
С	Between Schofield Ave, Alderson St. CTH X and STH 29	10/13, 10/29
D	Area South of STH 29	10/14, 11/1
Е	Between Ross Ave, Schofield Ave, Birch St. and City of Schofield Boundary	10/15, 11/2
F	Between Ross Ave, Schofield Ave, Birch St. and Von Kanel St	10/18, 11/3
G	Between Alderson St, Ross Ave, CTH X and North Village Boundary	10/19, 11/4
Н	Between Von Kanel St, Eau Claire River, Fuller St and Schofield Ave	10/20, 11/5
ı	Between Ross Ave, Fuller St, Eau Claire River, and Schofield Ave	10/21, 11/8
J	Between CTH X, STH 29, Schofield Ave and East Village Boundary	10/22, 11/9
	Between Ross Ave, Eau Claire River and	

10/25,

11/10

Town of Weston Boundary

Between Schofield Ave, Éau Claire River

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